

## Service Planning Area (SPA) 8 Quarterly Updates August 2019

### **NOFA Updates**

Please visit LAHSA's FY 2019 NOFA page for more info: <https://www.lahsa.org/news?article=547-fy2019-coc-program-nofa> and/or email [nofa@lahsa.org](mailto:nofa@lahsa.org) with questions.

- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the 2019 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on July 3, 2019 and is due on September 30, 2019.
- LAHSA is the lead agency and Collaborative Applicant for the LA CoC and is currently preparing the consolidated application for approximately \$134 million in mostly Permanent Supportive Housing.
- This year's NOFA included \$5 million in bonus funding for domestic violence projects.
- LAHSA released the 2019 CoC Program New Projects Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 26, 2019 with proposals due on August 16, 2019. Proposals may include:
  - Expansion of existing CoC-funded PSH
  - New PSH
  - New Rapid Re-housing for domestic violence
  - New Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-housing for domestic violence
  - New Transitional Housing-Rapid Re-housing for youth

### **Legislative Affairs Updates**

For more information, please contact Alex Visotzky, Legislative Affairs Manager, [avisotzky@lahsa.org](mailto:avisotzky@lahsa.org)

### **Source of Income Protections in Unincorporated County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles**

#### *About These Protections*

- Beginning in July 2019 in Unincorporated Areas in Los Angeles County, and January 2020 in the City of Los Angeles, landlords will no longer be able to discriminate against an applicant for housing (or a current tenant) based on the applicant's source of income.
- If an applicant applies for rental housing and intends to use a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, a Rapid Re-Housing Voucher, or any other form of public assistance to pay their rent, landlords must apply the same selection criteria they would to any other applicant, and their use of public assistance to pay rent cannot be used as a factor against them.
- Similarly, if a tenant who is currently housed begins receiving assistance or a voucher and would like to use that assistance to pay the rent, the landlord cannot evict them on that basis.
- Landlords cannot state in their listings that they do not accept Section 8 or vouchers.

- Landlords cannot falsely indicate that a rental unit is unavailable to a person based on their source of income when the unit is in fact available.
- Repairs to a unit cannot be restricted or refused to a tenant because of their source of income.
- The terms of the tenant's lease cannot differ for a rental unit in which the tenant has an alternate source of income.
- Landlords are not required to accept a tenant because they have an alternate source of income—only to treat them the same as other tenants that apply for or live in their housing.

*Where These Protections Cover*

- Unincorporated Los Angeles County (as of July 2019—see attachment for more SPA-level detail)
- City of Los Angeles (as of January 1, 2020)
- City of Santa Monica (as of 2015)

*Service Planning Area 8 (South Bay/Harbor Cities)*

- *Athens/West Athens\**
- *Del Aire\**
- *El Camino Village\**
- *Harbor City<sup>+</sup>*
- *Harbor Gateway South<sup>+</sup>*
- *Lennox\**
- *Rancho Dominguez\**
- *West Carson\**
- *Westmont\**
- *Wiseburn\**
- *La Rambla\**
- *Long Beach (islands)\**
- *San Pedro<sup>+</sup>*
- *Westfield\**
- *Wilmington<sup>+</sup>*

\*Indicates protections apply as of July 2019.

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- If you, your client, or others at your organization believe that a tenant has been unfairly subject to discrimination based on their source of income:
  - Contact the Housing Rights Center, toll free at 1(800) 477-5977, or at (213) 201-0867, or via e-mail at [info@housingrightscenter.org](mailto:info@housingrightscenter.org).
  - You can also learn more by visiting their website at [www.hrc-la.org](http://www.hrc-la.org).